

The 'horsegate' step by step

2013

Dec 2012

BEUC finalises [survey](#) showing 90% of consumers want to know where their processed meat comes from.

Feb

Scandal breaks: horsemeat [found](#) in beef lasagne. **Commission** plots EU-wide control plan endorsed by Member States.

April

Commission publishes [DNA test results](#): 5% of beef labelled meals contain horse meat. 0.5% of horse carcasses tested contaminated with Phenylbutazone.

2014

Dec 17

After various delays, a **Commission report** stacks arguments against the labelling of meat origins in ready-meals.

Feb

Parliament to vote on [Official Controls proposal](#) tightening food checks.

Jan 2013

[Horse and pig DNA](#) identified in Irish beef burgers by FSAI

March

Commission proposes [5-point Action Plan](#) on food fraud.

May 6

Commission proposal on official controls. Promising but [lacks ambition](#).

Jan 14

Parliament adopts [report on food fraud](#). Though non-binding, it is a [promising](#) stance by MEPs on food controls.